

Section IV. REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended herein to effect the editorial changes specified by the examiner in paragraph 6 at page 2 of the June 16, 2005 Office Action, by replacement of paragraphs [0018] and [0057] with new replacement paragraphs [0018] and [0057], respectively.

Acknowledgement of Allowance of Claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 10-16

The allowance of claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 10-16 in the June 16, 2005 Office Action is acknowledged.

Amendment of claims 3, 7-9 and 17-18

Claims 3, 7-9 and 17-18 have been amended herein, to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejections of claims 3, 7-9 and 17-20.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 2, as proposed by the examiner.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from claim 4, and the language lacking direct antecedent basis in the claim previously on file has been excised by such amendment.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 7, thereby providing appropriate antecedent basis for the recital of "the sub-atmospheric pressure gas supply vessel."

In like manner, claim 9 has been amended to depend from claim 7, thereby providing appropriate antecedent basis for the recital of "the sub-atmospheric pressure gas supply vessel."

Claim 17 was rejected as indefinite for reciting "at least two gas supply vessels" without correlation to "a gas supply vessel" recited in claim 15, from which claim 17 depends. In response, claim 17 has been amended to recite that "said gas supply vessel is one of at least two gas supply vessels that are contained in the gas cabinet, and wherein each of said at least two gas supply vessels is arranged for

dispensing operation, independent of the other(s)." As thus amended, claims 17 is of appropriate form complying with 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

Claim 18, rejected for dependency from indefinite claim 17, has consistently been amended to recite ~~"each of the at least two gas supply vessels" and is likewise in appropriate form complying with 35~~ USC 112, second paragraph.

With the amendment of claim 17, claims 19 and 20 are fully proper in form.

Accordingly, all 35 USC 112, second paragraph grounds of rejection have been obviated by the above-described amendments of claims 3, 7-9 and 17-18.

CONCLUSION

Claims 1-20 now pending in the application, are patentable and in form and condition for allowance. Issue of a Notice of Allowance for the application therefore is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain outstanding, incident to the formal allowance of the application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss same, in order that this application may be allowed and passed to issue at an early date.

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